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INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: SUDANESE AMBASSADOR RECALLED TO ASSUME NEW POST AT HOME

1. SUDANESE AMBASSADOR, BRIG. GEN. MOHAMMED ABDEL- GADIR, WAS RECALLED URGENTLY TO KHARTOUM MAY 10 TO BE SWORN IN AS A DISTRICT COMMISSIONER IN NEW GOVERNMENT, A POST WHICH APPARENTLY HAS RANK OF DEPUTY MINISTER. HE IS DEPARTING MAY 11, BUT WILL RETURN AFTER SWEARING- IN TO SAY HIS FAREWELLS.

2. ABDEL- GADIR HAS BEEN MOST ABLE, INTELLIGENT, APPROACHABLE AND HELPFUL OF THE THIRD WORLD CHIEFS OF MISSION IN KAMPALA. HE HAS BEEN CLOSE FRIEND OF THIS EMBASSY EVER SINCE HIS ARRIVAL, AND HIS DEPARTURE IS A DECIDED BLOW TO US.

3. ONLY YESTERDAY, BEFORE RECEIPT OF HIS CABLE OF RECALL, ABDEL- GADIR TOLD EMBOOFF HE THOUGHT IT VERY UNLIKELY HE WOULD BE RECALLED BY NUMAIRY TO JOIN NEW CABINET. HE SAID HE THOUGHT NUMAIRY WOULD PROBABLY WANT HIM TO REMAIN IN UGANDA BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE HE PLACES ON INSURING THAT REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN SUDAN CONTINUES WITHOUT INTERRUPTION OR HARRASSMENT. AMBASSADOR ALSO EXPRESSED PERSONAL REASONS FOR NOT WANTING TO JOIN CABINET, PRIMARILY POLICY DIFFERENCES WITH NUMAIRY OVER HOW ARMY SHOULD BE RUN
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(WHICH WAS WHY HE RETIRED VOLUNTARILY IN MAY 1972). ABDEL-
GADOR EXPRESSED COMPLETE LOYALTY FOR NUMAIRY PERSONALLY,
AND SAID HE FIRMLY SUPPORTS HIS INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLICIES.
HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT A CABINET POSITION IN SUCH A " CENTRAL-
IZED" GOVERNMENT LEAVES LITTLE FOR AN INDEPENDENT THINKER
(SUCH AS HIMSELF) TO DO. (ABDEL- GADIR' S VIEWS SHOULD OF
COURSE BE PROTECTED.)

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